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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The changes proposed in the supplemental amendment to SB-469 do not significantly alter the conclusions in the PSC's original fiscal estimate. The bill would still eliminate Commission authority over a majority of its current regulation of the telecommunications sector, bringing with it the potential for higher rates for consumers and reduced assessment rates on telecommunications providers. The latter has potential impacts on future PSC revenues.

The potential for higher rates means potentially bigger draws from the USF, due to existing formulae in the USF rules. Bigger draws from the USF would require either an increase in the USF appropriation from its current \$5.9 million or a future limiting or narrowing of existing USF programs.

Changes in the recertification process that would require 30-day decisions from the PSC could may put additional burdens on existing PSC staff resources.

The impact of the voluntary tariffs provisions is indeterminate, making it difficult to say whether the Commission would have more or less tariff review obligations.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

largely indeterminate, but could have potential impact on future PSC budgets and staffing levels.